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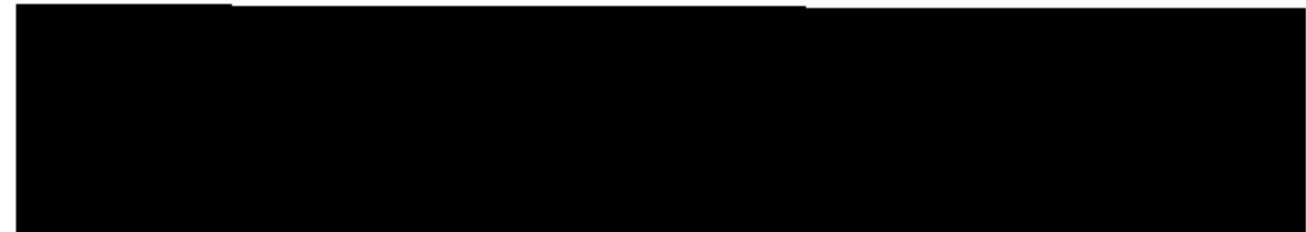
OFFICE: NEBRASKA SERVICE CENTER

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IN RE:

OCT 17 2011

Petitioner:
Beneficiary:



PETITION: Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker as a Member of the Professions Holding an Advanced Degree or an Alien of Exceptional Ability Pursuant to Section 203(b)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(2)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosed please find the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All of the documents related to this matter have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Please be advised that any further inquiry that you might have concerning your case must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied by us in reaching our decision, or you have additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reconsider or a motion to reopen. The specific requirements for filing such a request can be found at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5. All motions must be submitted to the office that originally decided your case by filing a Form I-290B, Notice of Appeal or Motion, with a fee of \$630. Please be aware that 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i) requires that any motion must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider or reopen.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Perry Rhew
Chief, Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The Director, Nebraska Service Center, denied the employment-based immigrant visa petition, which is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The petitioner is a software development business. It seeks to employ the beneficiary permanently in the United States as a software QA engineer pursuant to section 203(b)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(2). As required by statute, an alien employment certification accompanied the petition. Upon reviewing the petition, the director determined that the petitioner failed to demonstrate that the beneficiary satisfied the minimum level of education stated on the alien employment certification. The director determined that the beneficiary's three-year Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics, statistics, and computer science and one-year post-graduate diploma (PGD) in computer applications could not be accepted as a foreign equivalent degree to a U.S. bachelor's degree in computer science because they did not constitute a single source four-year degree.

The AAO issued a notice on July 28, 2011 advising that it consulted a database that did not equate the beneficiary's credentials to a U.S. baccalaureate degree. The AAO afforded the petitioner 45 days to respond "to this notice of intent to dismiss the appeal."

In the notice, the AAO specifically alerted the petitioner that failure to respond may result in dismissal. Because the petitioner failed to respond to the notice, the AAO is summarily dismissing the appeal due to abandonment. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 103.2(b)(13).

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. The petitioner has not met that burden.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.